

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 774

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAGG.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 293.620, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to cave inspection fees.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 293.620, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 293.620, to read as follows:

293.620. 1. The division of mine inspection, in addition to other duties provided by law, is authorized and directed to inspect at least once a year all caves in the state held open to the public, to make rules and regulations providing for the necessary precautions to secure the health and safety of the visiting public and employees in any such cave in this state, to require every cave owner, operator or agent of any cave held open to the visiting public to provide necessary safety guard rails, bridges, ladders, entrances, platforms, walkways, safety barriers, rails, **and** paths ~~[and other safety measures]~~, in and about any such cave before it may be opened to the public, and to file a complete and true plan map of such cave with the division of mine inspection and a copy at the office of the entrance of the cave.

2. Every cave owner, operator or agent of any cave held open to the public shall, before opening the cave to the visiting public, send written notification to the division and pay an annual inspection fee of ~~[thirty-five]~~ **three hundred** dollars payable to the state treasurer and to be collected by the department of revenue and deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state mine inspection fund. When the owner, operator or agent of any cave in this state, held open to the visiting public, shall have complied with all the necessary requirements of the division of mine inspection and shall have paid the inspection fee herein mentioned, he shall be provided with a certificate of inspection furnished by the division of

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 mine inspection showing that the cave has been duly inspected and approved and such
19 certificate shall be conspicuously displayed at or near the main entrance to the cave.

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